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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeff DeWitt

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DATE: June 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund

Amendment Act of 2014

REFERENCE: Bill 20-627, Committee Print as Shared with the Office of Revenue

Analysis on June 3, 2014

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed supplemental FY 2014 budget and the proposed FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill amends the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978¹ to rename the District's "Annuitants' Health and Life Insurance Employer Contribution Trust Fund" to be called the "Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund" (hereafter "OPEB Fund").

The bill also outlines requirements for the:

- payment and calculation of the District's annual payment to the Fund;
- actuarial analyses and various studies conducted by the Fund;
- preparation of an annual report;
- reprogramming of monies from the Fund; and
- other guidelines similar to those followed by the DC Retirement Board.

Finally, the bill establishes an OPEB Fund Advisory Committee.

¹ Effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Official Code §1-601.01 et seq.)

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FIS: Bill 20-627 "Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund Amendment Act of 2014" Draft committee print shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 3, 2013

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2014 supplemental budget and the proposed FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The proposed requirements are similar to the current practice of the OCFO's management of the Fund, and the new requirements will not have a negative fiscal impact on the District's budget and financial plan.